

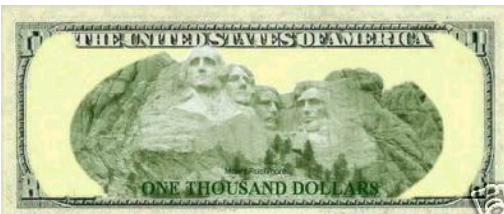


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& POLAR NUMISMATIST

PALIN NOVELTY NOTES!

A seller on eBay, "nutmegcollector" of East Lyme, CT, has a series of Sarah Palin novelty notes for sale. What is really interesting is that the borders on some closely resemble actual U.S. notes, and I must wonder if there is some violation of Federal law. If this is the case, get them quickly if you want them, because they might not be around for long! Very reasonable at 99¢ each.



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Included with this issue are the Alaska items from our November 8 auction. Look it over carefully. There is some really neat stuff there.

Of particular interest is the nugget necklace made by Harry Avakoff. The twisted link jump rings were a trademark of his. These were hand-made, and required an extraordinary amount of work.

Our thanks to Cliff Mishler for some additional information on Fred Glatt. I would think that someone in Anchorage could provide some information with a "local" flavor.

With all the hoopla about our governor Sarah Palin being the VP pick for the Republicans, it is only fitting that a lot of novelty numismatic material has become available. We feature a few items in this issue.

Prices realized this month seems to have pulled out of the summer doldrums. Heritage got some decent prices on some scarce items. A 5¢ token from Fort Davis (just outside of Nome) brought an astounding \$2,485 on eBay.

There was not much doubt that I would continue to publish this newsletter, but it is now official. I will do a 31st year. The bad news is that subscription rates will have to go up. You may have noticed that change (below) in the last issue. A subscription blank will be included in the next issue. Please wait until then to subscribe.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Club 25 encased cent, Rain Check	46.88
Bering River , Hoonah Pkg., \$10, B-B-1g	109.10
Bethel , N.C. Co., 50¢, B-2b	75.00OB
Bering River , Hoonah Pkg., 10¢, B-1b	75.00OB
Chitina , Navada Bar, 12½¢, B-4a	150.00
Cordova , The Mint, 6¼¢, B-25a	224.50
Ellamar , J.W. Little, one drink, B-2a	350.00OB
Eek , McIntyre, 50¢, B-1b	45.00OB
Fairbanks , Fbks. Cigar Store, \$1, B-17b (Herit)	632.00bp
Fort Davis , Post Exchange, 5¢, B-1a. Reverse has 8 pointed star. Each side is counterstamped with "H" four times. Very corroded.	2,485.00
Juneau , Spicketts, 12½¢, B-68a	150.00OB
Katalla , Pierce & Adams, 12½¢, B-6a, damaged	860.00
Latouche , Little, 12½¢, B-2a	103.50
Long , Willis, 25¢, B-2a	86.00
Nome , Board of Trade, 12½¢, B-8f or 8g	102.50
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a, PCGS-63 (Heritage)	172.50bp
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a, PCGS-62	132.50
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b, PCGS-62	142.50
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c, PCGS-63	92.23
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c, PCGS-63	242.50
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d, PCGS-58	75.77
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d, PCGS-62	290.00
Palmer , ARRC, 50¢, B-1e	62.88
Palmer , ARRC, 50¢, B-1f, PCGS-62	360.76
Palmer , ARRC, \$1, B-1f	100.99
Palmer , ARRC, \$1, B-1f, PCGS-60	275.00
Palmer , ARRC, \$5, B-1g, PCGS-58	365.00
Palmer , ARRC, \$10, B-1h, PCGS-55	344.99
Palmer , ARRC, Complete set minus \$5	OB700.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, Complete set (Heritage)	805.00bp
Palmer , ARRC, Complete set (Heritage)	1955.00bp
Palmer , ARRC, Complete PCGS Set	OB1,300.00NB
Seward & Valdez , (2) Native copper tokens	124.38
Snug Harbor , Pioneer Can., \$1.25 Bx, B-2a	46.00
Valdez , Copper Block Buffet, \$1, B-4cII	1,025.00
Valdez , Knight Island Copper, B-11a	322.00
AYPE , encased cent, horseshoe	34.00
AYPE , ¼ DWT, MS-63 (Heritage)	402.00bp
AYPE , ¼ DWT, MS-64 (Heritage)	431.00bp
AYPE , ½ DWT, MS-64 (Heritage)	420.00bp
AYPE , 1 DWT, MS-62 (Heritage)	546.00bp
AYPE , 1 DWT, MS-63 (Heritage)	546.00bp
AYPE , 1DWT	190.00
AYPE , 1DWT	102.50
Alaska Gold , ¼ Pinch, 1901, NGC-65 (Herit)	862.00bp
Alaska Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897	OB465.00NB
Alaska Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897	RLOB465.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist
 RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn
 BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell bp = buyer's premium included.

PALIN, *cont.*



Above: Sarah Palin novelty note from another printer.

Left: Colorized Alaska state quarter with Governor Sarah Palin, as the Republican candidate for Vice President.



See "For the Record" for an Alaska Mint McCain/Palin medal.

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FEEDBACK:

CLIFF MISHLER ON FRED GLATT

Noting the “Fred Glatt” content of the current issue of ATC compels me to write and apprise you of a connection with Iola.

Back in the early days of the Numismatic Ambassador Award program conducted by Numismatic News, Fred was tabbed as an Ambassador. In fact, he became the 24th recipient of an award under this program, which was launched in 1974 with 10 awards being presented, as was likewise the case in 1975. In the late spring of 1976 Chet Krause flew to Alaska. Chet made the Numismatic Ambassador presentation to him on May 12, 1976, during a meeting of the Totem Coin Club.

The summer of 1976 found Fred Glatt returning the favor to Chet, flying to Iola to join in celebrating the dedication of the new state-of-the-art publishing facility that Krause Publications had built and moved into in late 1975. That event took place on Saturday, July 17, with the participation of ANA president Virgil Hancock, former CNA president Dr. Jack Wilkerson (1961-63) and the then publisher of Canada Coin News, Cale B. Jarvis, Mrs. Mary Brooks, director of the United States Mint at the time, and John J. Pittman, of great notoriety in North American collecting circles.. Delivering the keynote address on that occasion was the then director of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, James A. Conlon. It was quite an affair, for which we were honored to have a representative of the Alaskan coin collecting community in attendance.

The perpetual Numismatic Ambassador Award recipients mounted in the lobby hall at Krause Publications indicates that Fred Glatt died on June 19, 1978.

A brier obituary from Numismatic News states:

“Word has been received by the News of the death of Fred Glatt on June 19 at the age of 56.

“Glatt was a well-known Alaskan numismatist who received the Numismatic Ambassador Award May 12, 1976, in a ceremony in Anchorage. He earned the award through his successful efforts to recruit countless beginning collectors to the hobby.

“An active member of the Totem Coin Club, Glatt severed as National Coin Week chairman for the club in recent years.

“Another of his accomplishments was the assembly of the only complete collection of Alaska Purchase Centennial numismatic material.”

CHALLENGE COINS



(EIELSON AFB): 354th Operations Support Squadron. Bronze.



EIELSON AFB: 354th Medical Group, Iceman Team. Silver with blue and yellow enamel.



EIELSON AFB: 354th Operations Group. Tip of the Spear, Forged in Ice. White, black, blue, red and green on silver.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Most Challenge Coins are about 38 to 40mm. Some are larger, some smaller. All are shown at about 38mm, but this may not be actual size. Actual size is noted where known. If the enamel is shown “on gold” or “on silver”, this should be assumed to be gold colored or silver colored and not the actual metal.

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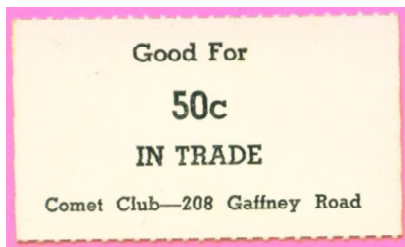
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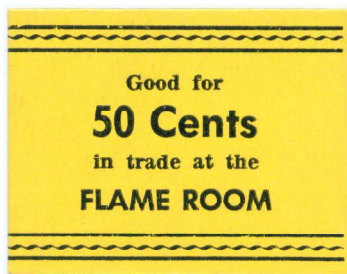
FOR THE RECORD



ELLAMAR: J.W. Little, good for one drink. Alum., 25mm. Listed, not illustrated.



FAIRBANKS: Comet Club, 50¢ in trade. Black on white, 50mm by 29mm.



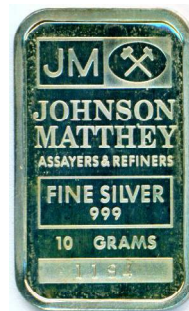
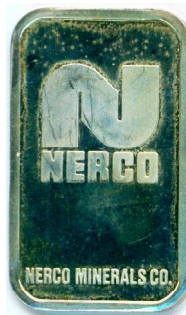
FAIRBANKS: Flame Room, 50¢ in trade. Black on yellow, 45mm by 35mm. Previously reported black on white.



FAIRBANKS: Pike's Aviator Greenhouse & Sweets. Good for one ice cream. Green on wood.



KATALLA: Pierce & Adams, 12½¢ in trade. B-6a. Reported, not illustrated.



NERCO MINERALS: Johnson Matthey 10 Grams Silver. Nerco has mines in Alaska.



McCAIN/PALIN: By the Alaska Mint. Struck in bronze, one ounce silver and gold relief on silver.

FEEDBACK: The Eagle Bar, John W. Mountjoy, tentatively attributed to Nome as been attributed to Dillon, Montana (submitted by Joe Usibelli).



ALASKA STATE FESTIVAL: One can assume that this had something to do with dancing. A search of "Alaska State Festival" turns up a square dancing website from Ninilchik. This seems to fit, so the question is "When was it in Fairbanks?" Black on yellow and red plastic. Shown actual size.

GOLD THINGS!



These are a couple interesting collectibles, things that contained gold.

To the left is a neat “mailer.” It folds up into a mailing package, and contains a capsule of gold. On some, the capsule is attached as you see. On others, it is glued on the card at the bottom.

These are from the Parker family’s claims on Olive Creek at Livengood. A great souvenir piece. I would guess that it is from the 60s or early 70s.

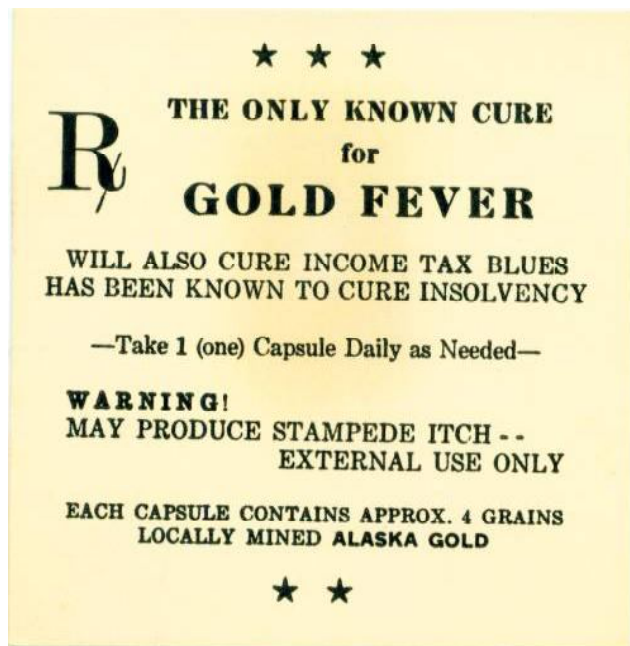
Actual size is 292mm long, 177mm across the “wings.” The card is 96mm square.

These are \$30 each, postpaid. Request the style you would like (or both), and we will try to accommodate.

Below are the envelopes that Alaska Airlines used to mail out gold ingots as part of their “Gold and Travel” mileage incentive program. The ingots are long gone, but the envelopes remain. Only an Alaskan airline would give out gold as an incentive!

Actual size is 134mm by 73mm.

Only (1) of the top style is available at \$10. The bottom style is available for \$5. Both postpaid. Add \$2 if you want them insured.



CHEAP SALOON TOKEN! PIPELINE MEDALS



Well, if something is cheap, then you know there is something wrong!

The Lace Garter Saloon, Dawson Y.T. token is a fantasy, made by the Deep River Armory. DRA manufactured a number of fantasies. I don't know if there was any intent to deceive at their time of manufacture, or if they were made for "fun."

We have purchased a small hoard of these and offer them at \$3 each, or 5 for \$10, plus \$3 postage. After our subscribers have had their chance, I think we will see if we can find a merchant in Dawson that would like to have a fun item for next tourist season.

And now that I look at it, I can't help but wonder if the Rutlader "Alaska Traders" tokens were made by DRA.

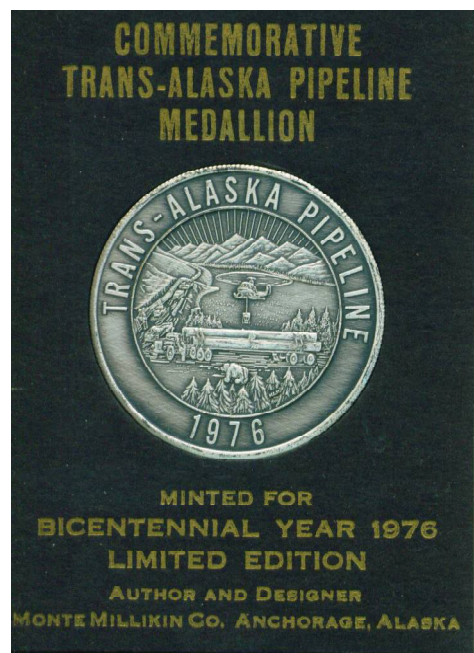
IMPROVED GOLD TOKEN

With the addition of a brass fitting, not made for the purpose, I have been able to strike my 1/2 DWT tokens with a collar.

These tokens exhibit a smooth, square rim, and the strike is marginally better. Frankly, these are so small that it is hard to tell, but there is a difference, and all my 1/2 DWT tokens will be made this way from now on.



These "prototype" tokens are made from a mixture of gold from unknown sources. We have a few of this test striking available for \$38, postpaid.



We purchased a small group of these medals, and are offering them at a special price. Above is the medal in a card, that comes in a plastic holder. We have these available for \$5 each, in oxidized "nickel-silver" and bronze. We also have (1) available in brass. One set of three in the original holders for \$15.



We also have the North Slope/Valdez medals in brass at \$4 each or three for \$10.

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PIONEER JEWELER HARRY AVAKOFF!

ESTIMATE

- 253 **Harry Avakoff Gold Nugget Necklace.** This is an incredible piece made by pioneer Fairbanks jeweler Harry Avakoff. We see a lot of estate jewelry but it is extremely rare to see a stamped Avakoff piece anymore. About 18 inches in length consisting of (41) small nuggets connected by twisted wire jump rings, an Avakoff trademark. The pendant is a 14kt stylized design with nugget overlay and one larger nugget at the center, plus one nugget that dangles from the center. Total weight is .62 troy ounces. This is a wonderful historic piece (circa 1950s) which took many hours of labor to create. 2,000.00+

ALASKA TOKENS & MEDALS

- 254 **(Dillingham) Chit Booklet:** Fisherman's Co-op Trading Company, B-3, \$25 booklet. This is a partial booklet containing (8) 50¢, (17) 25¢, (19 plus 1 detached) 10¢ and (58) 5¢. 100.00+
- 255 **Fairbanks Cardboard Tokens:** Comet Club and Flame Room. Both good for 50¢ in trade. Unlisted in the 1994 edition of "Alaska Tokens." Two tokens. 75.00+
- 256 **Koyukuk Token:** J.W. Evans, 50¢ in trade, B-1c. VF or better, but a bit dirty with rim nicks. A very scarce token. 200.00+
- 257 **LaTouche Token:** J.W. Little, 12½¢ in trade, B-2a, EF with a little original red remaining. One of several "Native Copper" tokens. Little also issued tokens in Cordova, Ellamar and Valdez! 200.00+
- 258 **Long Token:** Edward C. Willis, "Bingle Long," 25¢ in trade, B-2a, about VF. A bimetal token with an aluminum center surrounded by a brass ring. Willis was in business with Welch in Chatanika. This is one of the few tokens to use the word "bingle" which was slang for token. 75.00+
- 259 **McCarthy Tokens:** Golden Hotel, James Hyland, 12½¢ and 25¢ in trade, B-2a,b, VF and cleaned VF respectively. Oval brass tokens from this copper mining town. 2 tokens. 100.00
- 260 **McGrath Token:** McGrath Pool Hall, 25¢, B-3a. Let's call this conditionally challenged. Luster remains on the parts of the token that are not corroded. All wording is readable, but faint in places. The corrosion has eaten a small part of the rim. Sounds bad, but this is a very scarce token. 75.00
- 261 **Nenana Token:** Nenana Trading Post, \$1 in trade, B-5a, Fine and a little dirty with an edge cut. Not as bad as it sounds. 300.00
- 262 **Nenana Token:** Smoke House, 12½¢ in trade, B-7a. The orange color is a bit faded at the edge, but otherwise excellent. Also included is a **Miller House** token good for one drink, B-1a, appears mint state as are most. Two pieces. 60.00
- 263 **Nome Token:** The Columbia, Good for one drink, B-17a, appears to have been dug, or in a fire and cleaned. 100.00
- 264 **Nome Token:** M. Mulloy, 25¢, B-33a. As Benice notes, this was probably issued before the 1905 fire. This token is a bit rough, with dark spots that did not clean up, likely a victim of this fire. 75.00
- 265 **Northern Commercial Company Book:** *Flag Over the North* by L.D. Kitchener, 1954, first edition. For any one interested in the Northern Commercial Company, this is the definitive history. If you collect Alaska tokens, this book is a "must have." 50.00+
- 266 **Nome Token:** North Pole Bakery, Good for 10¢ on Meal Ticket, B-39b, AU-BU. A nice token that is deceptively scarce. 150.00

ALASKA TOKENS & MEDALS, CONT.

ESTIMATE

- 267 **Tanana Token:** This has to be my favorite Alaska token. It is not a nugget token, or a pictorial. It is not the rarest, but it is not common. A drum roll please.....**Yukon Saloon**, Good for 25¢, Dog Salmon or Drinks, B-11a, VF. That is about as Alaskan as you can get. 250.00+
- 268 **Thane Token:** Alaska Gastineau Mining Co., 1 loaf of Bread. VF, but the "1" has been ground off. 75.00
- 269 **Tonsina Token:** Jake Nafsted, 12½¢ in trade, B-1a, AU with luster. The market seems to have absorbed a small hoard (see ATC&PN March 2005). 100.00+
- 270 **Valdez Token:** (Copper Block) Buffet, 12½¢ in trade, B-4b, EF. One of the more popular native copper tokens, which is also a pictorial. 50.00
- 271 **Valdez Token:** The Fairbanks, 12½¢ in trade, B-6b. The token is VF, but has light corrosion on all surfaces. Really not as bad as it sounds. 200.00
- 272 **State of Alaska 1/10 Gold Medal**, 1999. A popular year for the state program with the Dall Sheep depicted. Only 239 were minted that year. Original packaging. 165.00

ALASKA COLLECTIBLES

- 273 **Alaska Checks.** Includes checks from: Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co., FNB of Juneau, 1927; Ferdinand Roll, Sitka, Behrends Bank, Juneau, 1928; Chatanika Power Co., AK NB of Fairbanks, 1962; FNB of Fairbanks, 1939; Bank of Alaska (Skagway) signed by Harriet Pullen, 1928; and Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dawson Branch, 1947. Also included is a blank receipt from the Dyea-Klondike Transportation Co. for pay and charges, 1898 (printed date). Seven neat financial items. 50.00+
- 274 **Alaska Stock & Yukon Bond.** Unissued stock certificate on the Alaska Silver Fox and Fur Farms Co., Fairbanks. Also, a \$10 building bond for the Odd Fellows Lodge in Dawson, Yukon, 1908. Two items 40.00
- 275 **Miscellaneous Paper Alaskana.** This is a really neat lot, so please read the description carefully. Included are: Black Diamond Certificate, 100 Cheechako Bucks, a large, novelty currency type item; White Pass & Yukon Parlor Car ticket stub; "When in Whitehorse-Yukon Visit the Rapids via The Yellow Bus Line," small advertising flier; Red Dog Saloon, Juneau shipping tag via the S.S. Aleutian; Ice Coupon, 25 Pounds, Eskimo Ice Company, Point Barrow, Alaska (fantasy); Territory of Alaska Liquor Revenue Stamp, 25 Gal.; Tony's, Kodiak, Alaska in the form of a folded \$10 bill; Derby Room Cocktail Lounge, Ketchikan, Rain Check printed like a business card; (4) Alaska Railroad ticket stubs - Anchorage to Portage and return, Anchorage to Whittier and return; Alaska Steamship Co., S.S. Jefferson, meal ticket for "Second Sitting," Skagway to Seattle; and a Poker Coaster from the Richardson Roadhouse. A great assortment for the Alaska collector. 14 items. 140.00
- 276 **Miscellaneous Alaska and Yukon Paper.** Included are: Receipts from Diamond "S" Mercantile, Juneau, 1916 and Northern Commercial Co., Iditarod, 1912 (token issuing companies); receipt from Fred R. Alley, Commission Agent, Whitehorse, YT, 1906; Alaska Steamship Co., S.S. Aleutian, Dinner menu for August 25, 1936; envelope from Bear Totem Store, Wrangell; finally, a reproduction of the Treasury Warrant that purchased Alaska, issued with the Alaska Purchase Centennial logo, stamped on the back by the Baranof Gift Shop, Juneau. 6 pieces. 50.00+
- 277 **Alaska Postcards.** Included are: Alaska Dog Team; Sitka, Alaska; (2)Chief Johnson's Totem, Ketchikan; Fishing Fleet, Ketchikan; Winter Trail over Thompson Pass; Keystone Canyon near Valdez; Russian Church, Sitka; Deadhorse Gulch, WP&Y; Juneau; Indian Burial Ground; (2)Taku Glacier; Anchorage; Old Russian Block House at St. Michael's; Pitchfork Falls on WP&Y; Cantilever Bridge on WP&Y; Sawtooth Range on WP&Y; Winter Mining "20 below" Hunker Creek, YT; (Mining scene) Dawson, YT by Landahl's Emporium (token issuer); John Hough & Co. No. 45 below Disc. Hunker Creek by Landahl's; Alaska Bldg., Seattle; Haines and Ft. W.H. Seward; Broadw81ay, Skagway, May, 1898; Forestry Bldg., AYPE; White Mountain Sheep from Upper Klondike by Landahl's; Bonanza Park in Winter by Zaccarelli's (token issuer); Dawson's Ferry crossing Yukon by Zaccarelli's; Totem Poles and residences of Haida Indians near Ketchikan; Inspiration Point, WP&Y. A total of 31 cards, mostly color. The Landahl's and Zaccarelli's are earlier. 150.00+
- 278 **Postal Covers.** First Day Covers include: Alaska Territorial, Juneau Nov. 12, 1937; Alaska Statehood, Juneau Jan. 3, 1959; Alaska Purchase Centennial, Sitka March 30, 1967; Will Rogers/Wiley Post Commemorative cover with postmarks from Barrow 9/9/38, Wainwright 9/12/38, Tigara 9/18/38; Kotzebue 10/17/38 and Anchorage 10/21/38; First Air Mail Flight, Seattle to Juneau, 6/20/40; Alaska, Last Frontier from Sheppard (of Sheppard Trading Co.), Mountain Village, 1/5/49; finally, a Post Office issued return receipt cancelled in Eagle, 1903. 7 items. 70.00
- 279 **Alaska Goldpanner Baseball Collectibles:** Included are Alaska Goldpanner items, including a large pennant, pin back button, bumper sticker, baseball cards from 1988 and 1989, and an all star set of cards featuring Dave Winnfield and more. Also included are Yearbook/Programs from 1974, 1984, 1987, 1989 and 1990. Finally, there are (2) 1984 Yearbook/Programs from the Anchorage Glacier Pilots. Thirteen items for the baseball fan. 50.00+